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REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the rejections and allow Claims 1-35 and 37-52, as well as newly added Claims 53 - 63; the only claims pending and under examination in this application following entry of the above amendments.

The Examiner is thanked for the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 12-17, 24, 27-30 and 36-38.

Formal Matters

Claims 1-35, 37-52 and 53-63 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

Claim 1 has been amended incorporate the elements of Claim 36, and Claim 36 has been canceled. In addition, the dependency of Claim 37 has been amended to change to Claim 1 (in view of the cancellation of Claim 36). Furthermore, the dependency of Claims 51-52 has been corrected to be dependent on Claim 46. Finally, new Claims 53-63 have been introduced, which claims are the same as originally filed Claims 12-17, 25 and 27-30 redrafted in independent format.

As no new matter has been added by the above amendments, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the above amendments.

Rejections

Claims 51 and 52 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In view of the above amendment to these claims, this rejection may be withdrawn.

Claims 1-11, 21, 24, 26, 31-35 and 39 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ideker. Without in any way agreeing with the Patent Office and solely in order to expedite prosecution of the present application, the limitations of Claim 36 have been incorporated into all of the pending claims. As such, this rejection may be withdrawn.

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Claims 18-20, 22 and 23 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Rezai. Without in any way agreeing with the Patent Office and solely in order to expedite prosecution of the present application, the limitations of Claim 36 have been incorporated into all of the pending claims. As such, this rejection may be withdrawn.

Claims 45-47 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Ideker. Without in any way agreeing with the Patent Office and solely in order to expedite prosecution of the present application, the limitations of Claim 36 have been incorporated into all of the pending claims. As such, this rejection may be withdrawn.

Claims 40-44 and 48-52 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being obvious over Ideker in view of Hill. Without in any way agreeing with the Patent Office and solely in order to expedite prosecution of the present application, the limitations of Claim 36 have been incorporated into all of the pending claims. As such, this rejection may be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

The Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number PALO-001.

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